



IN SPEECH FINALS . . . Ross Potter, former journalism teacher at Torrance High School, has been selected to represent Southern California in the humorous speech finals for Southwestern United States in San Francisco next June. Potter lost his sight in 1958 while teaching a journalism class.

Area's Toastmasters Pick Speech Entrant

Ross Potter, Torrance Toastmasters' blind humorist, will go to San Francisco in June to represent Southern California in the humorous speech finals for the Southwestern United States.

Potter won the title in a speak-off between champions representing the seven Toastmaster areas from Los Angeles south.

Potter and his guide dog, Pert, are familiar figures in his neighborhood in Redondo Beach. He was teaching at Torrance High School when he lost his sight one afternoon in his journalism classroom in 1958. He joined Toastmasters soon after.

"I really wasn't thinking too much of improving myself," he confesses. "I just missed men's company. Two of my

friends belonged to the Torrance club, and I felt I'd enjoy the whole operation. If I've become a reasonably good public speaker, I really owe it to the friends I've made there. They are a great bunch."

POTTER IS A past president of his club and has won titles in humorous and serious speaking, but he has never before reached a level of interstate competition. Now a speech writer and coach he finds the prospect of the San Francisco finals exciting.

"This will be my wife's first real vacation in five years," he explains. "She went to work when I lost my sight, and she's had vacations from her job, but I've never been able to take her on a trip before."

Besides that, a delegation of my fellow Toastmasters is going with us, to cheer me on. Burt Hickcox and his wife Lois—he's president of the club; Mike Luyt and his wife—he's assistant area governor of Area 5, and Bob Sawyer and his wife, Mary, and perhaps even several more."

"Win or lose," he concludes happily, "it's going to be a great celebration."

Last Meet of '63 Set by Bar Group

The South Bay Bar Assn. will hold its last meeting of the year at the Plush Horse Restaurant Dec. 19. Proceeds will go to the association's Leg a l Aid Foundation. Cost is \$10 per person. More information is available at FR 8-2277.

Army Specialist Five Vance E. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome B. Lewis, 775-F Portola St., was assigned Nov. 16 to the Seventh Army in Germany.

Cancioneros Plan Varied Yule Concert

Period and contemporary Christmas music will be presented at the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, Sunday, at 4 p.m., by Los Cancioneros. "O Magnum Mysterium" by Vittoria, Renaissance era, will open the program, followed by three Christmas chorales of Gesius, Bach and Luther from the Baroque period.

Other selections will include "Choose Something Like A Star," the words of Robert Frost set to the music of Randall Thompson; two contemporary Christmas works by Ron Nelson, "He Came Here for Men," and "Glory to God;" Alfred Burt carols; series of modern and traditional "little carols;" and "Fanfare Noel."

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